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In re application of: Lieberman, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

DECLARATION OF

JUDY LIEBERMAN, PREMLATA SHARKAR, AND SANG-KYUNG LEE

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We, Judy Lieberman, Premlata Shakar, and Sang-Kyung Lee hereby declare as follows:

1. We, along with Erwei Song and Manjunath Narasimhaswamy, are co-inventors of the above-described patent application.

3. We are co-authors of publication entitled "siRNA-directed inhibition of HIV-1 infection" published on June 3, 2002 in Nature Medicine, Vol. 8, No. 7, pp. 681-686, 2002 ("Novina").

4. Novina C.D., Murray M.F., Dykxhoorn D.M., Beresford, P.J., Riles, J., and Sharp, P.A. are also co-authors of the Novina publication. While Novina C.D., Murray M.F., Dykxhoorn D.M., Beresford, P.J., Riles, J., and Sharp, P.A. are properly credited to purposes of the Novina publication, they are not co-inventors of the invention presently claimed in the above-identified patent application because they did not contribute to the invention as it relates to the CCR5 receptor.

5. We, along with Drs. Song and Narasimhaswamy mutually participated in the conception, research and reduction to practice of the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application.

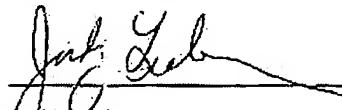
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